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SUBJECT: SPAIN TO SUSPEND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EQUATORIAL
GUINEA

1. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CHIEF FOR SUBSAHARAN AFRICA AND
CONTINENTAL ASIA (CASSINELLO) TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 16 THAT THE
GOS HAD DECIDED TO SUSPEND -- NOT BREAK OFF -- DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH EQUATORIAL GUINEA. CASSINELLO, WHO ASKED
THAT THE CONFIDENCE BE RESPECTED BECAUSE THE DECISION HAD
NOT YET BEEN MADE KNOWN, EXPLAINED THAT MACIE HAD RECENTLY
GIVEN A "FEROCIOUS" SPEECH, CALLING SPANISH OFFICIALS AND
EVEN THE KING FASCISTS, CRIMINALS, ETC. -- "YOU NAME IT".
CALLING MACIE "COMPLETAMENTE LOCO" AND THE SITUATION IMPOSSIBLE,
CASSINELLO SAID THE TIME HAD FINALLY COME FOR THE SPANISH
TO "BARE THEIR TEETH.

2. CASSINELLO SAID HE SUPPOSED MACIE HAD BEEN TRYING TO SAVE
FACE IN THE EYES OF THOSE AROUND HIM IN THE WAKE OF CRITICAL
ARTICLES IN THE SPANISH PRESS, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MACIE
WOULD PROBABLY REACT ALSO TO THE NEWS OF THE SUSPENSION,
PERHAPS, SAID CASSINELLO, WITH NO MORE THAN ANOTHER SPEECH.
CASSINELLO WAS UNSURE WHETHER MACIE WOULD FOCUS ON, OR
EVEN GRASP, THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN SUSPENSION AND
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RUPTURE.

3. IN REPLY TO EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS, CASSINELLO SAID
SPAIN'S THREE DIPLOMATS WILL BE WITHDRAWN. SPANISH CIVILIANS
THERE, ABOUT 150 IN NUMBER, ARE TO STAY, WIVES AND
CHILDREN HAVING BEEN WITHDRAWN PREVIOUSLY. HE INDICATED THESE
150 MIGHT FIND THEMSELVES IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION.EATON

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